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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 208

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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NAIROBI FOR REDSO

MBABANE FOR OSARAC

EO 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: BOTZAM ROAD

REF: A. MBABANE 937 B. STATE 105430 C. GABORONE 597

IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION PARA 2, REF B, WE UNABLE AT
PRESENT PROVIDE HARD DATA ON NUMBER AND WEIGHT OF TRUCKS
PASSING THROUGH KAZUNGULA IN TRANSIT TO AND FROM ZAMBIA AND

RHODESIA (PARA 3, REF C). WE AGREE, HOWEVER, WITH STATEMENT
IN PARA 4B OF REF A THAT ZAMBIA-RSA MINE EQUIPMENT TRAFFIC
LIKELY REMAIN HIGH FOR LONG TIME TO COME. DESPITE
COMPELLING POLITICAL PRESSURES TO ELIMINATE SOUTH AFRICA
AS TRADING PARTNER, ZAMBIA REPEATEDLY ENCOUNTERS ECONOMIC
FACTS OF LIFE WHICH ARE A) SOUTH AFRICA IS HANDIEST AND
OFTEN CHEAPEST SOURCE OF EQUIPMENT, AND B) RESOURCING
ELSEWHERE IS DIFFICULT ACHIEVE BECAUSE OF LONG DELIVERY LEADTIME
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AND DIFFERENCES IN PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS (I.E., WHOLE MACHINE

MAY HAVE TO BE BOUGHT ELSEWHERE WHEN SPARE PART OBTAINABLE ONLY
IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD DO).
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